

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on April 28, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 10-22 and 28-39 are now pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 10-15 and 17 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting rejection, specifically claims 1-2, 11-12 and 15-18 of U. S. Patent No. 6,038,614 (Chan). A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to overcome these rejections.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10-22 and 28-39 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al. (US 5,945,988). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Williams et al. does not teach each and every element of the invention as claimed.

Williams et al. “dynamically configures the operating parameters of system 100 in accordance with the user preference information of the user profile corresponding to the determined entertainment system user, and offers programming/entertainment suggestions, and a host of addition value added features to enhance the user’s enjoyment of system 100.” Col. 3, lines 11-16. Williams et al. does not teach “associating a value of a setting with each of a plurality of media input signals in a multimedia system” as claimed in claim 10.

Williams does not mention settings for media input signals, but rather describes parameters associated with a user, such as those shown in FIGURE 7. Such parameters are clearly associated with a user, as indicated by the first column labeled “USER NAME”. Further, the parameters are not set for media input signals. As seen in FIGURE 7, they include parameters such as channel, volume, genre, block and supplemental programming for television and internet or autofeatures for computers.

The present application describes settings for media input signals based on the type of input device. FIG. 3A shows different types of medial controls for multiple types of media input

signals indicated in the first column. As can be seen, the values vary depending on the media input signals and hence the type of input device, not based on a user profile as described in Williams et al. As Williams et al. lacks at least one element of claim 10, a prima facie case of anticipation has not been established, and the rejection should be withdrawn. Claims 11-13 depend from claim 10 and are believed allowable for at least the same reasons.

Independent claim 14 recites “a table of parameter entries associated with said signals”. The signals in this case are “multimedia input signals”. Parameters are associated with the signal, not with a user profile as described in Williams et al. As such, claim 14 should be allowable along with claims 15-22 which depend therefrom.

Independent claim 28 receives “a plurality of media signals from a plurality of media devices”, and also contains “a table having a plurality of entries each holding a value of at least one parameter of said output signal, **different ones of said entries being associated with different ones of said media signals;**” emphasis added. It is clear from independent claim 28 that the entries are associated with media signals, not with user preferences as described in Williams et al. Thus, claim 28, and claims 29-39 which depend from claim 28 should be allowable since at least one element is lacking.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 30 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams et al. in view of Official Notice. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The combination of the matter on which Official Notice is taken together with Williams et al. does not teach the elements lacking in claim 28, from which claim 30 depends. Since each and every element is not shown or suggested by the combination, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established, and the rejection should be withdrawn. Further, the Examiner is requested to provide an affidavit or reference to support the Official Notice.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney 612-373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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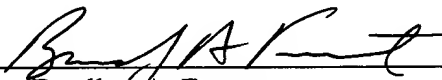
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